

## MASKED MEN ROB PALM BEACH TRAIN; 4 SUSPECTS SEIZED

New York People on Observation Platform When Bandits Swing Aboard.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 8.—Four men were arrested near West Palm Beach last night and are being held pending a further investigation of the robbery of the Palm Beach limited train from Jacksonville to Miami, which was held up by four masked men earlier in the night at Stuart.

The men robbed men passengers on the platform of the observation car of money and jewelry.

Among the passengers were Mr. and Mrs. F. Q. Hill and Miss Grace M. Hill of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Walsh, with their daughter, of Cincinnati; Mrs. W. B. Williams, New York; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hoff, Stamford, Conn.; H. R. Gordon, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allen, St. Louis; F. D. Clogget, Cincinnati; Donald Larness and son, Atlanta, Ga.; F. W. Kirtland and E. P.

Super, of the Florida East Coast Railway Company.

The robbers climbed aboard the end of the observation car as the train was getting under way after taking water, drew revolvers, and forced all the passengers in that car to hold their hands above their heads. Several women went into hysterics, and these they hustled into the car forward.

Mrs. Margaret Wilson, of No. 154 West Ninety-fifth Street, New York, one of the passengers, said: "I was in the front end of the rear car when I heard a commotion. Four men wearing masks were coming through the rear door. They were young fellows, and they looked like farmers. They seemed frightened. They shouted to the passengers to hold up their hands, and everybody did so. Some of the ladies shrieked. Donald Larness, a publisher of Atlanta, Ga., whom I had just been talking to, was by the door, and one of the men had him by the coat. His hands were in the air. His little son Augustus also had his hands up. Mr. Larness said: 'Don't shoot the woman. I will give up all I have.' The fellow shouted back: 'No, we don't want anything from the woman.' "With that they rushed several ladies up into the car ahead. To do so they had to get the brakeman to unlock the door. I heard him tell them they were making a mistake, that there was no express car on that train, that it was on the train behind.

"After the women were sent ahead some one gave the alarm and the train stopped. Later we were told that the robbers had escaped. I saw one of the fellows going through Mr. Larness's pockets. The man took out his watch, but put it back."

## GUILTY POLICEMEN SCORED BY JUDGE FOR USE OF "PULL"

Swann Says They Had Him Hounded by Friends Begging for Mercy.

Policemen John F. Whalen and William Austin of the MacDougal Street precinct were off duty on the last day of the year. They were in citizen attire. In the early evening they took a bottle of whiskey into the hallway of the apartment house No. 28 Bedford street, drank it empty and dashed the bottle to fragments on the floor.

The janitress, Mrs. Mallatena, a cripple, protested. They were mocking her and calling her names when her son, Daniel, twenty years old, tried to stop them. The two policemen blacked him until he fell, then picked him up and threw him down on the broken glass. The screams of Mrs. Mallatena brought a policeman, who arrested them.

District Attorney Perkins found that the complainant was being tried out with postponements, so he had the Grand Jury take the case. The men were indicted for assault in the second degree. They were convicted in the third degree last Thursday and brought up for sentence to-day.

The wife of Austin tried to tell what a fine man he is, but Judge Swann reminded her that Austin had deserted her and is supporting her under orders, so she subsided.

"I want to tell you two men," said Judge Swann to the prisoners at the bar, "that it will do you no good to have your friends and politicians pursue me in your behalf. Everywhere I go—whether to the theatre or any other place of entertainment—it doesn't do you any good to have your friends approach me and tell me what good fellows you are.

"I am well acquainted with the facts in this case. Interference may do you more harm than good. These persons are likely to let slip actual facts about you. While you were on trial I allowed you to continue on bail. What did you do? You had me followed or followed me yourselves, so that you could have people pursue me. Your part may lead to the opposite effect to what you seek. You have adopted the old methods. They are obsolete now. You have tried to take the sword of justice in your hands—and failed."

The men were sent back to the Tombs for a week. They may be sent to prison for one year and fined \$300.

## CAPITALIST ENDS LIFE IN BANKRUPT HOTEL

William Franke Came From Dresden to Try to Save Concern.

William Franke, a capitalist of Dresden, Germany, owner of the Cecil, an apartment hotel at No. 210 West One Hundred and Eighteenth Street, committed suicide to-day in the bathroom of his suite on the second floor by cutting his throat with a penknife. His body was found in the bathtub by two chambermaids, Julia Quinn and Mary King, who had entered his rooms with a package.

Mr. Franke became interested in New York real estate several years ago, and was in the habit of coming here every year or two to look after his investments. The Cecil was leased from him by the Hotel Cecil Company. Mr. Franke came here from his home in Germany three months ago, having heard that the company running the hotel was in trouble.

The Hotel Cecil Company went into bankruptcy on Jan. 26. Mr. Franke, who was seventy-two years old and not well, found himself unable to make satisfactory arrangements for the disposition of the property. He was worried about this and about the war.

At 7 o'clock to-day he summoned the engineer, John Matheson, and instructed him to deliver a letter to his brother-in-law, Albert von den Driesch, living in Fifth Place, the Bronx. Mr. von den Driesch, who reached the hotel after the suicide was discovered, refused to make public the contents of the letter. He said Mr. Franke leaves a wife and two children in Dresden.

## CITY SO HEALTHY, KILLS SELF

Grave Digger Complained He Could Not Make Ends Meet.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 8.—Despondent because work was slack, Francis D. Haer, a grave digger, forty-six years old, committed suicide yesterday while his wife and daughter were at church. He pulled the hose from a gas heater and put the end in his mouth with the jet turned on at full force.

Haer had been complaining that Albany was so healthy that a grave digger could not make ends meet.

Mulligan Guards to Sing Old Songs.

The Mulligan Guards of Greenwich Village will have breakfast with reminiscences of Harrigan and Hart at their army. No. 73 Eighth Avenue, near Fourteenth Street, on Wednesday evening next.

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## CUTS HIS WIFE'S THROAT.

Then Tries to End His Own Life With Knife.

Walter Director, a cloth cutter, quarrelled with his wife Freda, in their apartment at No. 75 Johnson Avenue, Williamsburg, to-day. Suddenly, he picked up a knife and slashed her throat. She threw up her hands in defiance, and both hands were slashed. She broke away and staggered down two flights of stairs and fell screaming on the street. Policeman Koenig, of the Stagg Street Station, rushed up and found Director backing at his own throat. Policeman Koenig disarmed him. Both were rushed in an ambulance to St. Catherine's Hospital. The woman probably will die. The man, who is not badly hurt, was placed under guard, charged with felonious assault and attempted suicide.

## PANIC IN COURTROOM.

Flashlight Starts Rush for Doors in Harlem.

The explosion of a flashlight for a photograph in Harlem Police Court at 11 o'clock to-day caused a panic in the crowded courtroom. A photographer taking a picture for exhibition at the Panama Pacific Fair in San Francisco set off the flashlight without warning to anybody but the judge.

Most of the people who were in the courtroom live in the Harlem bomb belt, and as the flashlight puffed there was a wild rush for the doors. Women screamed and babies yelled and pandemonium reigned until Magistrate Nolan and the attendants explained the situation. If the photographer could have taken a flashlight of the panic created by his first flashlight he would have had an unusual picture.

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